of LPG rakes ex-Mumbai and Urban to North-West.

(d) The crude oil input to Koyali, Mathura and Panipat refineries, which is supplied ex-Kandla-Vadinar, was affected from 9.6.1998 to 12.6.1998. However, there was no production loss at these refineries. Imports of crude at Vadinar (Kandla) and its pumping and supply to the refineries are fully normal now.

(e) Pumping in Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline started on 22.6.1998 and normal pumping was resumed on 23.6.1998. Road and rail loading also started a few days after the cyclone.

Clearance of LPG waiting list in Kalka

4078. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to clear the pending requests of consumers for LPG connections upto 31st December, 1990;

(b) whether Indian Oil Corporation has still not cleared the waiting list upto 31st December, 1990 belonging to the consumers of Pinjore, Tehsil-Kalka, District-Panchkula;

(c) whether the courts have already directed Indian Oil Corporation to release LPG connections to the petitioners of the concerned area; and

(d) if so, what is the loss to the Indian Oil Corporation if all the pending list upto 31st December, 1990 of the area is cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The Government had as part of the enrolment plan for 1997-98, directed the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies to clear the entire waiting list for LPG connections prior to 1.1.91.

(b) The waiting list prior to 1.1.91 of approximately 1600, registrants residing at Pinjore has not been cleared by the IOC Distributor at Kalka. The waiting list could not be cleared as the distributor had registered these person outside his area of operation at Pinjore.

(c) According to Indian Oil Corporation, on one occasion the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, Panchkula had directed IOC to release the connection to one of the residents of Pinjore. However the decision of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum has been stayed based on an appeal made by IOC in the State Forum.

(d) There will not be any loss to IOC in the event of releasing connections to such wait listed persons. However the clearance of waiting list depends on the LPG enrolment plan 1998-99 yet to be finalised.

Suspension of oil production from Krishna, Godavari basin

4079. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has suspended oil and gas production from four wells in Krishna Godavari basin;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to arrange unhindered supply of gas to Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals and Vijjeswaram Power Plant etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The production from few oil and gas wells in Krishna-Godavari basin was affected during June, 1998 due to suspension of unloading of crude/condensate as a result of shutdown at MRL, Pannangudi.

(c) Presently gas supplies are being maintained as per the commitments made to various consumers including Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals and Vijjeswaram Power Plant.

Numaligarh Refinery Project

4080. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Numaligarh Refinery Project and the time by which it will be operational;

(b) the financial outlay, loan arrangement and present constraints, if any; and

(c) the reasons for delay in timely completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The overall physical progress of the Numaligarh Refinery Project is around 91%. The refinery is expected to be commissioned by April 1999.

(b) The total project cost of the Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. and Marketing Terminal is Rs. 2724 crores (Refinery Rs. 2489 crores, Marketing Terminal Rs. 235 crores). Fund requirement of Rs. 2724 crores will be met by Rs. 908 crores from equity and Rs. 1816 crores from loan/debentures.

Of the total debt of Rs. 1816 crores, Rs. 1434 crores are being provided by OIDB/ Government of India (GOI) (OIDB: 1334 crores, GOI: Rs. 100 crores) as loan of which Rs. 1339 crores have already been released. Balance Rs. 382 crores are to be raised from banks/financial institutions/HUDCO. As such, there is no constraint in raising the required debt for financing the project.

Additional allocation of Naphtha to Spectrum Power Generation Limited

4081. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Spectrum Power Generation Limited, as fast track Godavari gas based combined cycle project, has commissioned the third gas turbine unit; and

(b) whether an initial allotment of 30,000 MT Naphtha per annum has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

LPG recovery plant at Gandhar

4082. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that establishment of an LPG recovery plant at Gandhar in Gujarat is being unduly delayed due to a row between Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been contemplated by Government to resolve the row between ONGC and GAIL and expedite setting up of the Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The establishment of LPG recovery plant at Gandhar by GAIL has been delayed on account of the availbility of gas being lower than the initial projections. To expedite the setting of the LPG reovery plant, GAIL has been asked to downsize the plant capacity to much the availability of gas.

Small oil and natural gas fields in the country

4083. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the small oil and natural gas fields in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government had a proposal for the exploration of oil and natural gas in these small oil fields; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) ONGC and OIL have so far identified 101 small-sized oil and gas fields in different States as under:

Andhra Pradesh	25
Assam	21
Gujarat	31
Nagaland	1
Rajasthan	8
Tamilnadu	14
Tripura	1
	101

A large number of these fields are under production or have been under production by ONGC/OIL. Some of these fields are yet to go into production as they are under development or awaiting delineation/assessment, firm